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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.**

April 16, 1946

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Rear Admiral Sidney W. Souers  
Director  
Central Intelligence Group

Washington, D. C.

Dear Admiral Souers:

The funds for operation of the Special Intelligence Service throughout the Western Hemisphere by this Bureau will expire, as you are aware, on June 30, 1946. In view of the lack of additional funds for operations during the next fiscal year, I find it necessary to make immediate plans for ceasing operations in the foreign field as of June 30, 1946. It is necessary that we start withdrawing our personnel from the foreign field in the near future in order that all personnel will be returned to the United States and all operations may cease by that date.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*

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17 April 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

It has come to my attention that a three million dollar item in the Federal Bureau of Investigation appropriation for the coming year has been eliminated because the Congressional Committee believed that it did not meet with your desire that the Federal Bureau of Investigation engage in activities beyond the continental limits.

It is of the utmost urgency that the Federal Bureau of Investigation be permitted to continue its security functions whose ramifications extend into foreign areas. At the present time the Federal Bureau of Investigation has representatives in the countries of the Western Hemisphere, in London, Paris, Rome, Manila, Tokyo, and in the American Zone in Germany.

The security mission which it performs may be illustrated by the Canadian investigation in Ottawa which reaches into the United States as well as England. They are engaged in other investigations which reach from South American countries into Europe. It is difficult for them to begin these matters at the continental borders but essential that they should initiate their investigations at the sources from which the activities emanate.

Approval is requested for the continuance of this function.

Respectfully submitted,

SIMNEY W. BOWERS  
Director

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19 April 1946

PERSONAL  
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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

With reference to your letter of April 16 concerning your Special Intelligence Service in the Western Hemisphere, I have been informed at the White House that the President has passed the word to the Congressional committee that it is his desire that this activity be continued by you. I have also been informed by members of the Appropriations Sub-Committee that the item covering these activities will be inserted in your Appropriations Act in an appropriate manner.

This should clear up the confusion which developed.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

SIDNEY W. BOYERS  
Director.

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July 2, 1946

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Lieutenant General Hoyt S. Vandenberg  
Director  
Central Intelligence Group

Washington, D. C.

Dear General Vandenberg:

Reference is made to your memorandum dated June 29, 1946, prepared by you for the National Intelligence Authority reflecting the approval of the Intelligence Advisory Board for a NIA Directive extending the functions of the Director of Central Intelligence. I have examined the proposed NIA Directive which was attached to your memorandum of June 29, and I desire to indicate my approval. As reflected in my letter of June 25, 1946, I should again like to point out, however, that the statement contained in the Discussion which was attached to your memorandum of June 29, 1946, on the matter to the effect that "This does not, of course, preclude the use of specialized departmental personnel under rigid control," is probably based on erroneous impression of the President's letter of January 22, 1946. It is my understanding that the National Intelligence Authority is being given authority in the Directive to call upon the State, War, and Navy Department to assign from time to time, persons and facilities of their respective departments to work under the direction of the Director of Central Intelligence.

As stated in my previous letter, if this Directive is approved, it would appear to me there would be no reason why the Federal Bureau of Investigation should not withdraw as rapidly as possible from Central and South America. I would appreciate your advice in the matter.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Your letter of January 3, 1947, in which you most generously offer to release to CIC certain radio frequencies now assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, is gratefully acknowledged. Your cooperation in this matter will greatly facilitate CIC operations in Latin America.

Technical personnel of this organization have been instructed to consult with the proper representatives of your Communications Division in order to arrange the necessary details of sharing radio frequencies during the period of transfer.

Sincerely yours,

CC:

Deputy Chief, COMMUNICATIONS DIV., 100

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I deeply appreciate your cooperation in expressing approval of my proposed N.I.A. Directive in your letter of 2 July.

With reference to your comments on the statement contained in the Discussion to N.I.A. 4, you will note that it was amended to read as follows:

"This does not, of course, preclude the use of specialized departmental personnel under rigid central control as mutually agreed to by the Director of Central Intelligence and authorized departmental officials."

This amended version was intended to clarify the meaning of the sentence in view of the point which you raised in your letter of 25 June. It is my intention to employ in the operation in question the best qualified personnel from all possible sources. It is therefore entirely conceivable that I would like to use on specific missions specially qualified personnel of Government departments other than State, War and Navy. I realize, however, that any such arrangement would have to be agreed to by the responsible officials of those departments, as indicated in the above amended sentence. I hope that this amendment clarifies the meaning to your satisfaction.

With reference to the second paragraph of your letter of 2 July, I am very pleased to concur in your offer to withdraw from Central and South America provided you are willing to postpone withdrawal until the Central Intelligence Group is adequately organized and staffed so that we may arrange an orderly transfer with a minimum of interruption. As evidenced by N.I.A. support for your 1947 budget for this activity, it is anticipated that this will involve continued coverage of that area by you for the better part of that fiscal year.

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With your cooperation to this extent, I am sure that we can work out an orderly transition. I also hope to discuss with you at some later date the possibility of my utilizing the services of some of your experienced personnel.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

**"SIGNED"**

HOYT B. VANDENBERG  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Director of Central Intelligence

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.**

July 8, 1946

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Lieutenant General Hoyt S. Vandenberg  
Director  
Central Intelligence Group



Washington, D. C.

Dear General Vandenberg:

I am in receipt of your letter of July 3, 1946, concerning the proposed NIA Directive Number 4, which related to, among other things, the empowering of CIG to set up a field operational force for the purpose of effectuating world-wide secret intelligence coverage. I have noted your comment regarding discussing with me the possibility of your utilizing the services of some of the FBI experienced personnel. Although I am, of course, most anxious to cooperate with you to the fullest possible extent, I regret to advise you that due to the responsibilities and duties of the Bureau in the field of law enforcement and the commitments made for the Bureau's personnel, which personnel incidentally has been cut considerably since the war, I will not be able to assign personnel to you. I wanted to advise you of this fact promptly in order that you will not depend upon me or expect this Bureau to make personnel available to you.

Concerning your reference to the support of the NIA for the Bureau's 1947 budget requirements for its Central and South American operations, I wish to observe that these funds were sought prior to the time that any plans had been made to establish an Operations Unit under the National Intelligence Authority. If I had known that the National Intelligence Authority contemplated the establishment at this time of an Operations Unit for the purpose of maintaining secret intelligence coverage, I would not have planned to have the Bureau remain active in this field in the Western Hemisphere.

In the light of your acquiescence to the Bureau's withdrawing from Central and South America, I believe it would be well to work out immediately an acceptable program which will permit

*Lieutenant General Hoyt S. Vandenberg*

*a transfer of the responsibilities for intelligence coverage in the Central and South American countries, on an orderly basis. If you will furnish to me a general outline of the program which you intend to follow in taking over the intelligence responsibilities in the Central and South American countries, I will prepare an appropriate schedule for the discontinuance of the Bureau's activities on a parallel basis in order that there will be no conflict of interest or duplication of coverage.*

*With best wishes and kind regards,*

*Sincerely yours,*

*J. Edgar Hoover*

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR



**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.**

July 15, 1946

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Lieutenant General Hoyt C. Vandenberg  
Director  
Central Intelligence Group

Washington, D. C.

Dear General Vandenberg:

I desire to advise that the offices of the Legal Attaches in [redacted] will be closed and the FBI personnel withdrawn. It is expected that the closing of the offices will be completed in thirty days.

This action is being taken and information furnished to you in view of the desires of the National Intelligence Authority and the Central Intelligence Group as set forth in your letter of July 3, 1946, for a gradual withdrawal of the FBI representatives in Latin America in order that the Central Intelligence Group may assume intelligence coverage in that area.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*

July 17, 1946

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. E. A. Tamm, Assistant to the Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

From: Donald H. Galloway, Colonel, U. S. Army

Subject: Transfer of Secret Intelligence Functions in Latin  
America

With reference to our conference today I wish to leave the following points for development as the general basis for this transfer:

1. We wish to receive from you a general outline of existing FBI coverage, including the number of personnel and the capacities or titles under which they are assigned.
2. We request that in each field station copies of all pertinent reports of investigations current or closed be set aside to be turned over to our representative; and that, in Washington a copy of all such reports prepared by FBI from these territories be made available to us for our records.
3. We request that all office and technical equipment now held in field stations be marked for transfer to our representative on the withdrawal of FBI, and that an inventory of such equipment be now prepared for our review. Such list would include office furniture and fixtures, typewriters, filing cabinets, and photographic equipment for development and printing. It would be understood that Governmental records would reflect this transfer, relieving FBI of further responsibility for this Government property.
4. We request that radio communications equipment in field stations be preserved for transfer to our representative in the same manner as in the preceding paragraph. We request further that automobiles now in the field be made available for transfer to our representative.
5. We suggest that full collaboration in the field be arranged by directing that FBI offices remain in operation for at

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least one month after the arrival of our representative during which time all pending investigations, contacts, sources of information, and informants should be under mutual study to determine the future conduct of intelligence work in these countries.

DONALD H. GALLOWAY  
Colonel, U. S. Army

To: A-R/P Mr. Panuch

July 17, 1946

From: FC Jack D. Neal

Subject: Security Intelligence in the American Republics

Background:

Since June 24, 1940 the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been operating the offices of the Legal and Civil Attaches in all of our Embassies and in various Consulates in the American Republics.

Recently FBI informed the Department of State of its plans to close the offices in Panama and Haiti. However, because of vigorous protest by the Embassies and the office of American Republics, Assistant Secretary Braden approached Mr. J. Edgar Hoover and was able to have the two offices remain open for an additional period.

In the discussions regarding Panama and Haiti, it was learned that the major reason for FBI being reluctant to continue the offices in those posts was because of the recent decision which provides that world-wide intelligence coverage is to be the responsibility of the Central Intelligence Group (CIG). Apparently, FBI took the position that since it would be relinquishing Western Hemisphere coverage to CIG at a later date, it should take advantage of any immediate opportunity to reduce FBI foreign coverage.

Problem:

Since there is a possibility of a change in the responsibility of the coverage in the American Republics, the Department must consider the various aspects, repercussions, etc, which might result from such a change.

Many of the Republics are holding national elections. All are attempting to readjust their internal affairs to post-war conditions, and all are experiencing influence in some form or other from minority groups. An interruption of the present operations in our Embassies at this particular time would be most unfortunate.

It is to the advantage of the United States to see that our Embassies are not deprived of the coverage and services which have been carefully built up during the past six years. The continued

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utilization of the present organization would be most advantageous but if that is not feasible then an orderly transition based on definite plans which would cause little or no interruption of service to the interested agencies would be desirable.

The Department must consider the relationship which has been built up between the Civil and Legal Attaches' offices and the police and intelligence organizations in the Americas. These relations should be maintained and widened since they are to our advantage.

The present system of communication should be preserved. There are receiving and sending radios which have been authorized in thirteen of the countries. Permission for some of these were obtained only after much negotiation. These should be saved for to attempt to renegotiate after their removal would be useless in many instances.

Too, the question of files, equipment, space, coverage, etc. must be taken into consideration.

Recommendation:

It is suggested that General Vandenberg be approached relative to any plans which CIG has as regards assuming immediate coverage in the American Republics.

If there is no possibility of continuing the present FBI coverage which, from the Department's standpoint and that of the various missions, would be most advantageous, then we should request General Vandenberg to arrange for us to meet with his CIG representatives and representatives from the FBI in order to discuss the over-all problem and to formulate a plan for the orderly transition in any change which might occur.

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP

WASHINGTON, D. C.

18 July 1946

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Subject: Conference at Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
18 July 1946

1. There follows a summary of the subjects and agreements covered in a conversation held this date by representatives of the CIG and the FBI on the subject of the transfer of responsibility for intelligence coverage in Latin America. CIG was represented by Colonel Galloway, [redacted] and [redacted] FBI representatives present were Mr. Tamm, Mr. Ladd, and his Assistant.

2. The general problem and the points of view of the two agencies concerned were discussed by all representatives. The CIG expressed the following estimate of the situation:

a. That CIG was desirous of taking over the intelligence coverage in Latin America at the earliest possible date; that beginning from scratch it would take a reasonable length of time to recruit, train and introduce competent personnel and proper facilities; that the job would be made much easier if CIG were able to capitalize on the accomplishments and assets of the FBI and could count on the cooperation and assistance of FBI in taking over and carrying on the work now in progress. It was felt by CIG that the transfer of responsibility should be a coordinated undertaking in order to avoid lapses in operations and to assure continuity in intelligence production. In order to implement such a coordinated plan the operational desks of CIG and FBI would necessarily work closely together. Colonel Galloway expressed some apprehension at the withdrawal of FBI personnel without consultation and agreement by CIG, and requested that the withdrawal of personnel from [redacted]

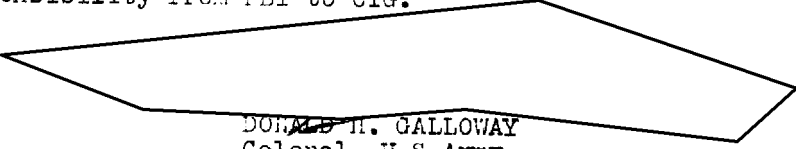
[redacted] be reconsidered. It was agreed that this request would be conveyed to the Director, FBI. CIG representatives stressed the point that it was to the common advantage of both agencies to transfer to CIG all its assets that could be transferred on the ground. (See attached memo). To this proposition the FBI agreed but stated that few if any representatives of FBI could be spared by the Bureau and in the event of a transfer of radio equipment, FBI would so far as possible receive a comparable amount of such material in the United States for their own activities.

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3. Mr. Tamm expressed several times the general attitude of the Director of the FBI, Mr. Hoover. He stated Mr. Hoover felt that if the FBI were to get out of Latin America it should get out as quickly and as expeditiously as possible. This point of view was appreciated by the representatives of CIG who insisted, however, that FBI coordinate its withdrawal with the CIG entrance so that continuity might be preserved. Mr. Tamm agreed that FBI should not withdraw from a given area without consultation and agreement by CIG.

4. The conference resulted in the following arrangements. The FBI will appoint a working committee which will meet with a working committee designated by CIG. This joint committee will determine the FBI assets in Latin America and what part of them may be transferred to the CIG, the desires and plans of FBI covering the withdrawal of their personnel and facilities. Based upon the work of these two committees the Operations Branch will draw up a detailed plan for taking over the secret intelligence coverage in Latin America. After the approval of this plan by the Director of CIG, it will then be submitted to the Director of FBI for his information and consideration. After agreement by the two agencies this plan will be the guide for a coordinated transfer of responsibility from FBI to CIG.



DONALD H. GALLOWAY  
Colonel, U.S. Army  
Assistant Director - Special Operations

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19 July 1946

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice Building  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I acknowledge receipt of your letters of July 8 and July 15, 1946.

I appreciate very much your offer of assistance and the suggestion that we work out immediately a program for the transfer of secret intelligence responsibilities in Central and South America. Accordingly, I designated certain officials, who have conferred with Mr. E. A. Tamm on 18 July, to discuss the general policies for this transfer, the details of which will be developed in subsequent conferences. It is understood that Mr. Tamm will furnish the names of your representatives, and designate the time when these conferences can commence.

In the discharge of its intelligence functions, FBI has acquired many advantages which will facilitate uninterrupted continuance of intelligence operations. Since our immediate aim is to relieve FBI at the earliest possible date, I believe it essential that the accomplishments of FBI in gathering intelligence information, and administrative facilities be made available to CIO insofar as is practicable. With this principle, I am certain that I have your agreement and cooperation.

Since FBI has the authority and responsibility to conduct intelligence operations in this area until June 30, 1947, unless previously relieved by CIO, I recommend that your field staff be maintained at the level you determine necessary for operations until we advise that withdrawal is feasible. As agreed, I have designated representatives who will study existing FBI coverage and collaborate with your own officials in devising an orderly detailed plan for transfer. It is my recommendation that FBI personnel should remain at each field station for a time after the arrival of my representatives in order that the successors may enjoy the benefits of the Bureau's experience in each country.

Copies of intelligence reports in the field and in Washington, prepared by the FBI, would be of the greatest value to CIG. It was agreed that field reports would be turned over to my representatives. I am confident that specific reports in your Washington Office will be made available to me whenever we consider it necessary. Our field officers should also be acquainted by your special agents with local contacts and sources of information which you have developed, and arrangements worked out for possible further utilization of these persons. Your advice on the handling of such informants, and safeguards against untrustworthy individuals, will be greatly appreciated. It is understood that these details are agreeable to you.

Administrative facilities now existing in the field will be of considerable advantage to the continuance of operations. I refer to office furniture and equipment, vehicles, radio communication apparatus, and the like. To replace such equipment would entail delay which would be difficult to justify. It is understood that such a transfer is agreeable to you except in the case of photographic equipment, and I concur in your retention of this apparatus. I will also arrange replacement in kind locally for the radio communication apparatus which you will leave in the various stations, as agreed upon.

25X1 With regard to your letter of July 15, 1946, I request that you reconsider the withdrawal of your personnel in [redacted] It would be most unfortunate to leave these posts vacant even for a short time. I am sure our representatives can devise an early relief for these particular posts and I am confident you will agree to this.

In outlining the general policies and agreements herein, I have stressed the principle of orderly withdrawal without hiatus, bearing in mind our several responsibilities to the Government in this important work. You and your representatives have been most cooperative and I desire to express my sincere appreciation.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

HOYT S. VANDENBERG  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Director of Central Intelligence

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR



**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.**

July 23, 1946

EXCLUDED CONFIDENTIAL  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Lieutenant General Hoyt S. Vandenberg  
Director  
Central Intelligence Group

Washington, D. C.

Dear General Vandenberg:

You will recall that I recently decided to close our [redacted] liaison office because of the restricted jurisdiction under which we operated there. This closing was temporarily held in abeyance at the request of the State Department to determine whether a new working arrangement might be effected. Since this has not been possible, I have now issued instructions that the office be closed immediately.

In view of the plans presently being worked out calling for Central Intelligence Group units to replace our personnel in Latin America, I thought it advisable to inform you of this closing, although unlike our other offices in Latin America, our personnel in Panama performed only limited functions and I don't know whether you consider it necessary to replace them.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.**

July 24, 1946

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Lieutenant General Hoyt S. Vandenberg  
Director  
Central Intelligence Group

Washington, D. C.

Dear General Vandenberg:

I refer to your letter of July 22, 1946, concerning the working out of a program for the transfer of secret intelligence responsibilities in Latin America to the Central Intelligence Group. My representatives, of course, are in touch with Mr. Penrose, Mr. Leddy, and Mr. Doyle, who have been designated to represent you in connection with the details concerned in the various matters mentioned by you in your letter. They will undoubtedly be able to make satisfactory arrangements with reference to these matters.

With reference to your request that I reconsider withdrawal of FBI personnel in [redacted] was informed I must advise that the arrangements for closing the FBI Offices in these countries have already progressed to the stage where it is not practical or possible for us to continue beyond August 16, 1946. You will note that there is only one man stationed in each of these offices and, therefore, it will undoubtedly be possible for you to make some arrangement to take over in these countries as of that date.

I am sure you will agree that the transfer of jurisdiction and responsibility will be greatly facilitated if the CIG will furnish a plan to me at a very early date setting forth the intentions of the Central Intelligence Group with respect to the transfer of responsibility. In line with your desire to take over the intelligence coverage in Latin America, I am most anxious to complete all arrangements and the final transfer at the earliest possible time.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*

29 July 1946

Honorable Spruille Braden  
Assistant Secretary of State  
for American Republic Affairs  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Braden:

I refer to conversations held by representatives of this agency with Mr. Joseph Parnes and Mr. Jack Neal on 25 July 1946, in which were discussed general plans for the transfer of responsibility for secret intelligence coverage in Latin America from the Federal Bureau of Investigation to this agency.

At this meeting two principal subjects were discussed. In the first place it was agreed that CIG would submit to the Department of State for its consideration and approval an overall plan for the transfer of clandestine intelligence activities in Latin America from FBI to CIG. This outline plan is attached herewith. Secondly, it was agreed that special consideration could be given to the placement in [redacted] of a representative of CIG, to assure the continuity of coverage in this location considered essential by the Department of State. Such action is necessary since the Director of the FBI has indicated that it is not practicable nor possible for his organization to continue in [redacted] beyond 10 August 1946.

Because it is the desire of this agency to provide whatever services in intelligence matters which the State Department desires, a special effort has been made to place our representative in [redacted]. It is obvious that the short time allowed requires that we handle the matter as a very high priority project and for this reason it must not be regarded as a precedent for similar handling of other cases. It will be impossible for CIG to handle on a frequently recurring basis such special cases, which would obstruct our program and

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25X1 definitely figure the overall activities of the organization. Our present action has been made possible by utilizing a trained operative assigned to [redacted], but now in Washington on consultation.

25X1 In order to effect the rapid dispatch of this  
25X1 operative [redacted] we are today submitting to the  
25X1 Department of State a request for his designation to the  
[redacted]. The operative is ready to depart  
immediately and his departure date will be determined only  
by the speed with which the necessary clearances from the  
Department of State can be obtained. We consider it further  
more highly desirable that the Department of State notify  
[redacted] of this rather precipitate change  
in plan, for he has been counting upon the return of our  
25X1 operative who presently holds a designation as [redacted]  
25X1 [redacted]

25X1 With reference to our general plan for entry into  
Latin America, the attached schedule indicates three dates  
in 1947, namely, February 15, April 1 and May 15, by which  
dates we are assuming responsibility in the countries listed  
under each. This schedule is based on a realistic consideration  
of the time needed to enlarge our administrative  
organization and to brief and train personnel for service  
in this area. It will be referred to FBI after your review.  
The number of personnel to be introduced on these dates is  
indicated, [redacted]  
[redacted]

It should be clearly understood that the attached  
schedule does not necessarily indicate the full coverage  
which we may in time expect to provide in Latin America.  
It represents only our estimate of the personnel which we  
will be able to put in place prior to 30 June 1947.

Very truly yours,

JOSEPH B. WOODWARD  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Director of Central Intelligence

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29 July 1946

**Strictly Confidential**  
**By Special Messenger**

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your letters of 23 and 24 July 1946 in which you discuss the transfer of intelligence responsibilities from your Bureau to the Central Intelligence Group.

I regret that you have found it impossible to continue in operation your offices in [redacted]

[redacted] In view of the short time available, CIG will be unable to take over all of these [redacted] However, in order to comply with the wishes of the Department of State, we have found it possible to assign one of our men to [redacted]

In response to your desire, the CIG will shortly furnish you with a schedule and plan for the assumption of responsibilities in the various remaining countries of Latin America. I am sure that you will realize and appreciate the impossibility of CIG's taking over coverage and responsibility prior to the dates indicated in this schedule

At this time may I express my appreciation for the cooperation thus far extended by your representatives in the initial preparation of our plans. They have been of great assistance to us.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

ROYT C. VANDENBERG  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Director of Central Intelligence

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR



**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.**

July 31, 1946

Lieutenant General Hoyt S. Vandenberg  
Director  
Central Intelligence Group

Washington, D. C.

Dear General Vandenberg:

Pursuant to the request made by [redacted] of your office, I desire to advise you as follows concerning the property which will be made available to your organization by our office in [redacted]

The Legal Attache of that office is presently preparing an inventory of property on hand which will include the usual office equipment as well as an automobile. A copy of this inventory will be made available to you as soon as it is received. As you have been previously advised, [redacted] will close on August 16 and it would be appreciated if you would advise me what disposition should be made of the property to be left at that point for the CIG.

For your further information, the Military Attache has advised that the office space presently occupied by the Legal Attache [redacted] will be available for rent after August 16.

Sincerely yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR



**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.**

August 2, 1946

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL  
BY SPECIAL DELIVERY

Lieutenant General Hoyt S. Vandenberg  
Director  
Central Intelligence Group

Washington, D. C.

Dear General Vandenberg:

I have received your letter of July 29, 1946, reflecting that you will assign [redacted] upon the withdrawal of FBI personnel on August 16, 1946. The property [redacted] will be ready to turn over to you on that date in accordance with previous agreements and arrangements.

I would appreciate it if you will advise what should be done with the property that is being reserved for the CIG in [redacted] in view of the fact that you will not have a man to take over that office upon the withdrawal of the FBI representative.

With reference to [redacted] as I previously advised it will be necessary that the FBI personnel be withdrawn on the dates previously set due to pressing commitments for this personnel.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

*[Handwritten signature]*

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Secretary Patterson:

Secretary Forrestal:

Admiral Leahy:

I should appreciate discussing the  
underlying memorandum at our meeting on  
Wednesday morning, August 7, at 10:00 a.m.

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Note: This is a copy of State Department  
memorandum handed to Asst. Director  
of Special Operations by Mr. Spruille  
Braden, 6 August 46.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS  
OF THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY

Subject: Replacement of FBI Personnel in Latin America  
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There is grave danger in this situation that the excellent FBI organization in Latin America may disintegrate before it can be taken over by new personnel of the CIG. This would be a major blow to the effectiveness of our security intelligence work in the Latin American field, from which it might take us many years to recover.

Since the withdrawal movement started, messages of concern, apprehension or alarm have been received from every American Ambassador in Latin America, testifying to the excellent work accomplished since the establishment of the Legal Attache service of the FBI in Latin America, and recommending with the utmost urgency that the change-over be gradual and orderly. The Ambassadors have in particular recommended that no FBI personnel be withdrawn until successors have arrived and have had sufficient

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time and opportunity to familiarize themselves with the work.

The Department of State shares in every respect the views expressed by our Ambassadors in the field. When a similar step was contemplated last year, Secretary Byrnes sent a letter (Top Secret, November 30, 1945 - copy enclosed) to the then Director of the Bureau of the Budget, in which he stated:

"The situation is so serious.....that I recommend as strongly as I can the immediate provision of sufficient funds to enable the Federal Bureau of Investigation to maintain its security intelligence service in the other American republics until a definitive decision shall have been taken on the over-all integrated intelligence plan and that plan put in effective operation." (Underscoring supplied).

The integrated plan referred to by Secretary Byrnes has now been adopted, but it has not yet been put "in effective operation". In order to safeguard the existing organization and to provide for an orderly transition, it is urgently recommended that a Presidential directive be sent to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, covering the following points.

- 1) In effecting the transfer of responsibility for security intelligence operations in Latin America from the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the Central Intelligence Group, it is essential that the turnover be orderly and that the existing FBI intelligence organization, together with its facilities, equipment and records, not be impaired.
- 2) No FBI personnel now serving in Latin America should be withdrawn until after replacement CIG personnel have arrived. There should then be a period of time, deemed by the American Ambassador concerned to be sufficient, for the new personnel to familiarize themselves with the nature, scope and details of the work, prior to the departure of FBI personnel.

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- 3) In some cases, present FBI personnel may desire to transfer to the CIG. This should be facilitated, and the opportunity should be afforded for all such personnel considered by CIG to be qualified to transfer to the CIG rolls.

I consider the foregoing to be of the utmost urgency and importance in connection with national security.

Enclosures:

1. Copy of Schedule for CIG Takeover from FBI in Latin America
2. Copy of Top Secret letter of November 30, 1945, from Secretary Byrnes to Harold D. Smith, Director, Bureau of the Budget.

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6 August 1946

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OFFICIAL MESSAGE

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In the absence of General Vandenberg, I am answering your letter of July 31, 1946, with reference to the disposition of property held by the FBI office at [redacted] after the closing of that office on or about August 18, 1946. It is understood that an inventory [redacted] will also be available when received, and will require disposition in the event our representative is not able to arrive [redacted] before the same date.

In view of these circumstances, a request has been addressed to the Department of State that an official of each Embassy be designated to receive and hold this property pending the arrival of a representative of Central Intelligence Group.

When a reply to this request is received from the State Department I will immediately communicate with you.

Respectfully,

Edwin H. Wright, Col.  
Executive to the Director

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7 August 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY

SUBJECT: ASSUMPTION OF INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES IN  
LATIN AMERICA

In compliance with the instructions of the National Intelligence Authority as requested by the Department of State, a brief report on the negotiations and plans for the assumption of intelligence functions in Latin America by personnel of the Central Intelligence Group is herewith submitted.

Several communications on this subject have been exchanged by the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Director of the Central Intelligence Group, and commencing 18 July 1946 representatives of both organizations have conducted conferences resulting in the following:

1. The FBI has furnished a general outline of existing coverage in Latin America, including the number of personnel and the capacities and titles under which assigned.

2. The FBI has agreed:

- a. That FBI personnel in each field station will turn over to representatives of CIG copies of all pertinent reports of investigation current and closed. Specific reports in the Washington office of FBI will be made available whenever it is considered necessary.

- b. That all motor vehicles, office and technical equipment, except cameras and certain photographic materiel, now held in field stations will be transferred to CIG on the withdrawal of FBI.

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c. That all radio equipment and communications in field stations will be preserved and transferred from FBI to CIG.

3. CIG has requested that FBI personnel remain at each field station for an adequate period, to be mutually agreed upon, after the arrival of CIG representatives in order that the new organization can profit by the Bureau's experience in each country and continuity of operation may be assured.

4. a. The FBI has expressed its inability to comply with a request to maintain its personnel in [ ] after August 16, 1946.

b. By withdrawing an operative from a European post, the CIG has been able to submit to the State Department the name of a representative to be assigned

[ ] He is awaiting only the necessary [ ] prior to his departure.

c. It will be impossible for CIG to take over the coverage and responsibility in any other country in Latin America prior to the dates indicated in attached schedule (Inclosure A).

5. a. The attached tentative schedule (Inclosure A) indicates the dates by which CIG is prepared to assume intelligence responsibility in the various countries of Latin America. This is based on a realistic consideration of the time needed to enlarge the CIG organization and to brief and train personnel for service in this area.

b. This tentative plan was verbally approved by representatives of the State Department 6 August

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1946 and will this date be submitted to the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for his consideration.

6. a. CIG has been informed that due to personnel shortage within the FBI, none of the agents or administrative personnel now assigned to field stations in Latin America can be made available for employment by CIG.

b. FBI has been advised that CIG will not extend any offers of employment to any individual members of the FBI organization, but will employ any capable and desirable individual who has terminated his FBI connections.

In all negotiations and conferences, the representatives of FBI have exhibited an attitude of full cooperation and helpfulness.

For the Director of Central Intelligence:

DONALD H. GALLOWAY  
Acting Assistant Director  
Special Operations

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~~BY SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS~~

7 August 1946

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I refer to General Vandenberg's letter to you dated 29 July 1946, and to our advice that we would present to you as soon as possible a schedule of the dates before which this agency will be prepared to assume responsibility for secret intelligence operations in Latin America.

This schedule has been drawn and submitted to the Department of State which has given us verbal clearance to proceed on the basis therein outlined. We are, therefore, enclosing it for your review. We will be pleased to arrange a conference if you feel that any matters involved require further discussion.

The dates which are fixed in this schedule represent the best estimate we can now make as to when we will be properly prepared to take over the countries indicated, and we will adjust these dates if the progress of our program makes this feasible. On the other hand, it is our understanding that no withdrawal by FBI will be effected prior to the dates indicated and to our notification to you that we are in a position to assume responsibility.

Very truly yours,

"SIGNED"

EDWIN K. WRIGHT, Col.  
Executive to the Director

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8 August 1946.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD.

Late in the afternoon of 6 August 1946, the Office of the Secretary of State requested a meeting of NIA to be held on 7 August 1946. The purpose of the proposed meeting was to air the danger involved in pulling FBI operatives out of Central and South America prior to the time CIG was prepared to take over--and to come to necessary decisions in the matter. At the time of calling the meeting, the State Department requested we prepare a memorandum for NIA, outlining our actions to date in this regard and indicating our time schedule for taking over Central and South American activities.

The NIA meeting was held on the morning of 7 August and our memo was submitted by Colonel Galloway. All NIA members were adamant in the necessity for FBI to remain operative in the area until we took over and in the necessity for an overlap of operatives in order to preserve continuity.

The meeting was brief, spearheaded by Admiral Leahy. The Secretary NIA was directed to prepare a letter to the Attorney General, requesting that FBI be directed to retain their operation in the subject area until we were fully operative. The Secretary was also directed to draft a letter to the Attorney General, to be signed by the President, for use in the event no action was taken by the Attorney General on the letter from NIA.

The NIA letter to the Attorney General was prepared by us on 7 August, signed by all members of NIA, and dispatched on the morning of 8 August 1946. The draft of the presidential letter has been approved by all members of NIA and is being retained for later use if necessary.

E. K. WRIGHT  
Colonel, GSC  
Executive to the Director.

On Saturday, 10 August, I was called to the office of Admiral Leahy and informed that the Attorney General had agreed to take steps providing FBI personnel did not move out of Latin American areas until CIG could replace them with proper operatives and until there was a reasonable overlap of time between the arrival of CIG personnel and the departure of FBI personnel. Admiral Leahy also stated that Mr. Clark was anxious that CIG take no steps toward the employment of FBI personnel in Latin American areas as this personnel were all trained operators and were needed in the domestic field.

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Honorable Tom C. Clark  
Attorney General of the United States  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Pursuant to authority contained in the President's directive of 22 January 1946, the National Intelligence Authority has directed the Central Intelligence Group to assume, by June 30, 1947, the intelligence coverage in Latin America that is now performed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Director of Central Intelligence, by letter dated 3 July 1946, concurred in the offer of the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to withdraw from Latin America provided Mr. Hoover was willing to postpone withdrawal until the Central Intelligence Group is adequately organized and staffed to arrange an orderly transfer with a minimum of interruption.

However, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has notified the Department of State and the Central Intelligence Group that its representatives will be withdrawn from [redacted]

[redacted] by August 16, 1947. The Department of State has also received intimations that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is preparing to withdraw its representatives from other Latin American countries prior to the time that the Central Intelligence Group will be able to replace them.

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The attached tentative schedule indicating the dates by which the Central Intelligence Group is prepared to assume intelligence responsibility in the various countries of Latin America has today been furnished the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is requested that the Federal Bureau of Investigation be instructed to retain its present personnel in the Latin American countries to which presently assigned until the Central Intelligence Group is able to assume responsibility. After the arrival of the representatives of the Central Intelligence Group, the Federal Bureau of Investigation staff must remain for an adequate period in order that the new organization can profit by the Bureau's experience in each country and in order that continuity of operation may be assured.

The Department of State is at present processing the papers of a C.I.G. representative who is now available to replace the F.B.I.

25X1  In all other instances, it is imperative that no withdrawals be made until the C.I.G. has an opportunity to satisfactorily install their personnel.

We are certain that you appreciate the wisdom of this course of action and feel certain that it meets with the desire of the President of the United States.

THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY:

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Acting Secretary of State

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Secretary of War

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19 August 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Reference: Letter to the Attorney General from  
NIA dated 8 August 46.

At 1045 this date the undersigned talked with Mr. Douglas  
McGregor, Acting Attorney General, concerning the reference  
letter.

Mr. McGregor stated that the Attorney General had informed  
him that the F.B.I. would not withdraw from Latin American  
countries until the Central Intelligence Group had been able to  
furnish replacements and arrange an orderly transfer. Mr.  
McGregor said that he understood no formal reply to the reference  
letter was to be made since the above decision of the Attorney  
General was already known.

The undersigned expressed the belief that no reply was  
necessary if the N.I.A. could be assured that the request in  
the reference letter would be honored. Mr. McGregor reaffirmed  
the fact that the Attorney General had agreed to this request.

JAMES S. LAY, JR.  
Secretary, N.I.A.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.**

August 19, 1946

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Lieutenant General Hoyt S. Vandenberg  
Director  
Central Intelligence Group

Washington, D. C.

Dear General Vandenberg:

Reference is made to the letter of Colonel Edwin K. Wright of the Central Intelligence Group directed to me on August 7, 1946, which attached a schedule for the transfer of responsibility for intelligence coverage from the FBI to the CIG in Latin America. I must advise that the dates set forth in this schedule for transfer of responsibility, that is, February 15, 1947, for the first group of countries, April 1, 1947, for the second group, and May 15, 1947, for the third group, make the position of the FBI in Latin America rather difficult. Operations under the limited scope and the restrictions necessary incidental to complete withdrawal make difficult efficient and productive operations over an extended period. The FBI personnel involved in Latin American operations are critically needed in connection with our domestic responsibilities and I am most anxious to return them to the domestic field.

I had hoped that the CIG would be able to take over responsibility in the first group of countries by September 15, 1946; in the second group by November 1, 1946; and the remainder by January 1, 1947. As you will note, this would give approximately six months from the time of the issuance of the directive to the Central Intelligence Group for the orderly transfer of responsibility from the FBI to the CIG in Latin America. I would appreciate your further consideration in this matter and your advice as to any adjustments that can be made in the schedule.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*

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STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am in receipt of your letter of August 19th, 1946, in which you request advice as to adjustment in the schedule for transfer of intelligence coverage in Latin America, previously forwarded to you. I note that you are anxious to return to the domestic field the FBI personnel now assigned on Latin American operations, and that you anticipate difficulties in continuing operations over an extended period while complete withdrawal is pending.

The dates fixed in our schedule were based on a careful study of the time required for the recruitment and training of qualified personnel, and the completion of the necessary administrative steps to place such personnel in the various posts indicated. While these dates are intended to represent the maximum time within which our field organization can adequately be set up, earlier dates could not be set without a radical curtailment of the personnel procurement and training program which CIG regards as indispensable.

You may be assured of my strong desire that CIG assume, at the earliest practicable date, the full responsibility in this area resultant upon FBI withdrawal. To this end, I directed at the time this transfer was determined that priority be given within CIG to all operations related to the establishment of Latin American coverage. Efforts will be made to advance the dates fixed in our schedule wherever possible, and the Department of State promised full cooperation in these efforts when it voiced concurrence in the schedule submitted. However, it would not be possible in any case to approximate the dates you mention, namely, September 15th and November 1st, 1946, and January 1st, 1947, for the three areas indicated.

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I will be glad to keep you advised so that, in the event any acceleration is possible, you may advance FBI withdrawal in accordance with your wishes.

With personal regards and good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

HOYT S. VANDENBERG  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Director of Central Intelligence

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.**

September 3, 1946

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Lieutenant General Hoyt S. Vandenberg  
Director  
Central Intelligence Group

Washington, D. C.

Dear General Vandenberg:

I wish to advise you at this time of our plans to close out our  
SIS offices in [redacted] and [redacted]  
[redacted] on September 30 next. I would like to explain that  
[redacted] day and prior to the time that arrangements were made for your  
organization, the Central Intelligence Group, to take over the intelligence  
coverage presently being handled by us in Latin America, we had reviewed the  
returns received and expected from our various offices in Latin America and  
had decided to close out several of the smaller offices in the less important  
Central American countries. The offices listed above come within this  
category. In each of them at the present time we have only one Agent, with  
clerical personnel in [redacted] but none [redacted] We did not  
close out these offices sooner because it was deemed advisable to maintain  
them until a large backlog of wartime inquiries could be brought to a logical  
conclusion. However, we frankly decided that from a financial standpoint  
maintenance of them on a permanent peacetime basis could not be justified.  
It was planned that any necessary inquiries to be made subsequently in those  
countries could be handled by occasional trips by our personnel in neighboring  
countries.

As a matter of fact we had decided to close out our office in [redacted]  
last June, but because of a specific request from the State Department we agreed  
to continue it until September 30. I would appreciate it if you would let me  
know whether you plan to place representatives in these countries at the time  
we withdraw or if you consider this replacement unnecessary.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.**

September 12, 1946

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Lieutenant General Hoyt S. Vandenberg  
Director  
Central Intelligence Group

Washington, D. C.

Re:

Dear General Vandenberg:

Reference is made to my letter of September 3, 1946,  
advising that our SIS offices in [redacted]

[redacted] are to be closed  
on September 30 next because it is felt that the returns received  
from these small countries do not justify our continuing to  
maintain offices there. I asked to be informed whether you planned  
to place representatives in those countries at the time we withdraw,  
or if you consider such replacement unnecessary.

The latter information was requested in order that we  
might make suitable plans for the proper disposal of such property  
and equipment as we may have in the three offices. If you plan to  
have men in those countries by September 30, our representatives  
can turn the property over to them direct. If you plan to place  
men there, but will not have them there before the departure of our  
representatives, the property, if you desire it, can be left for  
your men. However, you should advise me immediately if arrange-  
ments have been made by you with the State Department for the  
Embassy to receive the property and hold it for you.

I will appreciate a prompt reply concerning this  
matter inasmuch as we desire to give instructions concerning the  
disposal of the property to our representatives well in advance  
of their departures on September 30.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*

*Duplicate copy  
sent to Spec Group  
16 Sept 46 for their info  
preparation of reply.*

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MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL GALLOWAY

SUBJECT: Conversation with Mr. E. A. Tamm, F.B.I.,  
Friday afternoon, 13 September 1946.

There follows the substance of a conversation which I had yesterday afternoon with Mr. E. A. Tamm, Assistant to the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I explained to Mr. Tamm that I was calling on him for the purpose of exploring two unrelated subjects. The first had to do with the replacement by CIG of FBI personnel in Latin America. I told Mr. Tamm that General Vandenberg had received from Mr. Hoover a letter in which [redacted] d that his representatives in [redacted] were to be withdrawn in the near future. Mr. Hoover continued that the FBI proposed to continue coverage of these areas by representatives of FBI in adjacent countries. I told Mr. Tamm that General Vandenberg intended to support this procedure, and in order to do so desired certain additional information so that he could intelligently support the position of the Bureau [redacted]

[redacted] Mr. Tamm replied that he understood the General's reason for calling for more information and regretted that he could not give us the details immediately. He promised, however, to prepare a detailed plan by which individuals could make periodic visits to the countries concerned and by which informants in these countries could be retained and exploited to the extent necessary. Mr. Tamm promised to have this information available to us by noon Monday, September 16.

The second question which Mr. Tamm and I discussed had to do with investigations of personnel to be employed by CIG. I explained to Mr. Tamm that a security investigation of all candidates for employment by CIG was obviously essential; that CIG in taking over SSU was carefully considering methods and procedures used by that organization and was not satisfied with the present policy of investigating individuals. Through necessity SSU had been required to employ the services of a private investigator whose discretion, it developed, left much to be desired. I explained that CIG did not wish to continue the service of private investigators and eliminating this policy two possibilities were presented for conducting these essential checks. First, the FBI could conduct security investigations

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Colonel Galloway

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for CIG. This plan, I stated, was by far the most desirable from our point of view. Mr. Tamm told me that he and Mr. Hoover had discussed the necessity for security checks of CIG personnel and they agreed that some method had to be followed in order to avoid unfortunate events. Mr. Tamm stated that he considered it possible that the Bureau would carry on this work for us, and he would like to know in this connection about how many investigations we would have and what the time limit on reports would be. I stated that since we were in the initial stages of personnel procurement and needed a large number of people quickly we could expect the peak load at this time, and it would probably, for several months, average about 100 cases each month. I gave various reasons for the great desirability of having reports received promptly so that a final decision could be made on the employment of candidates and stated that a period of two weeks from the submission of the request until the receipt of the report would be considered entirely satisfactory. Mr. Tamm promised that he would discuss the matter with the Director and would assume in his discussions with Mr. Hoover that the check made by FBI would have to do solely with the security of the individual concerned and would in no way reflect on his professional ability or his other qualifications. I stated that this was entirely correct. I further suggested to Mr. Tamm that if he and Mr. Hoover decided they could not undertake the entire burden of security checks for CIG that they consider as much as was possible and then offer to us certain well-qualified personnel, advice, and direction in setting up our own investigating staff which would work closely with the FBI in accomplishing all checks necessary for CIG. Mr. Tamm replied that he would consider this possibility after he had discussed the matter of FBI handling such investigations alone. This latter procedure, I emphasized, was the one that offered the greatest advantage to CIG, and that it was hoped that the Bureau would be able to assume responsibility for the work. Mr. Tamm told me that he would let us know early next week what the decision was.

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16 September 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Reference is made to your letter, dated September 3rd, which announces your intention to close the FBI offices in [redacted] [redacted] Your plan of withdrawing agents from these countries by continuing to cover from adjacent areas seemed to me a logical arrangement. I was very much interested in obtaining the concurrence of the State Department in this indirect coverage [redacted]

I feel certain that you will understand the position of the Central Intelligence Group on any arrangements for reduction in coverage in Latin America. The representatives of the State Department in those countries as well as in the State Department here in Washington should first agree that the type of coverage proposed will be adequate to their needs. I feel certain that from your long experience in Latin America in these matters you are confident that adequate coverage can be maintained by following the plan you propose. However, the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Spruille Braden, definitely stated to me this afternoon that the State Department could not agree to the proposed withdrawal from any of the countries named above since they consider coverage by personnel from within these countries essential. [redacted]

I suggest that in view of the above factors, I have no recourse but to request your personnel be maintained in those countries [redacted]

Sincerely yours,

WOTT C. VANDERBERG  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Director of Central Intelligence

Central Records

Memo For Record: On 16 September 1946 General Vandenberg accompanied  
by [redacted] met with the Asst Secy State,  
Mr. Braden, Mr. Russell and Mr. Eddy in Mr. Braden's  
office. Mr. Braden's position on Mr. Hoover's proposal  
is stated in General Vandenberg's reply to Mr. Hoover.

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STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 23, 1946, enclosing the inventory of the property left by the Legal Attache at [REDACTED], in the custody of [REDACTED] of the American Embassy.

Your kind cooperation in carrying through these arrangements, in accordance with our understanding and the request made by us to the Department of State, is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

"SIGNED"

HOYT S. VANDENBERG  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Director

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.**

September 19, 1946

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Lieutenant General Hoyt S. Vandenberg  
Director  
Central Intelligence Group

Washington, D. C.

Dear General Vandenberg:

Reference is made to your letter of September 16, 1946, advising that the matter of future coverage in [redacted] had been discussed by you with the Department of State.

You said that Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Spruille Braden, had advised that the State Department could not agree to the proposed withdrawal from any of the countries named above since they consider coverage by personnel from within these countries essential. In view of this, you requested that FBI personnel not be removed from [redacted] on September 30, as had been planned.

In compliance with your request, I am today issuing instructions to our representatives in [redacted] to hold in abeyance all plans for closing until further instructions are received by them from me.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*

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19 September 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Subject: Meeting with Mr. E. A. Tamm, Federal  
Bureau of Investigation

References: a. Letter for the Director, FBI, from  
the Director of Central Intelligence,  
subject: Withdrawal of FBI Representatives,  
dated 16 September 1946.  
b. Memo CIG 12/3 by the Director of Central  
Intelligence, undated, with inclosed draft  
of CIG directive.  
c. Letter for the Director of Central  
Intelligence from the Director, FBI, subject:

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1. Late yesterday afternoon, September 18, I had a talk with Mr. E. A. Tamm, Assistant to the Director, FBI. During the conversation, the following topics were discussed and agreements made as reported below.

a. I gratefully accepted the offer of the Director of FBI to conduct security investigations of prospective CIG employees on a basis of reimbursement at \$100 per case. I explained to Mr. Tamm that an official acceptance of this arrangement would be forthcoming, and that in this letter a request would be made for a working liaison so that the details could be arranged. Mr. Tamm replied that that was entirely satisfactory, that he thought it was a reasonable arrangement which would be to the common advantage of both agencies. He stated further that as soon as he received the official request he would designate appropriate individuals in the Bureau to complete arrangements.

b. I handed to Mr. Tamm General Vandenberg's letter to the Director, FBI, on the subject of the imminent withdrawal of FBI personnel from [REDACTED]. Mr. Tamm stated that he understood perfectly the position of CIG in relation to the Department of State and admitted that obviously the next move was FBI's. Mr. Tamm indicated that he would discuss the entire matter with Mr. Hoover, who was at the time out of town, and that until he had had such a discussion he was not prepared to state what Mr. Hoover's action would be. Mr. Tamm thought that Mr. Hoover might elect to discuss

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the contemplated withdrawal with Mr. Braden, but he did not feel certain of such action.

c. I handed to Mr. Tamm a memorandum by the Director, Central Intelligence, CIG 12/3, with inclosure, draft, CIG Directive, and explained to Mr. Tamm that this was the directive which Mr. Hoover had examined sometime before and contained parts of which Mr. Hoover disapproved. I explained the changes made and expressed the opinion that the additions were in line with Mr. Hoover's opinions. Mr. Tamm stated that he would discuss the document with Mr. Hoover as soon as he was available and would inform us as to Mr. Hoover's agreement or disagreement.

d. I discussed with Mr. Tamm the procedure to be followed in handling property in the event that FBI withdrew their representatives in Latin American countries prior to the arrival of CIG personnel. I stated that a policy had been approved by the State Department as follows: The senior FBI representative would call upon the Chief of the State Department Mission, who would designate a temporary custodian for the property. This custodian would sign a receipt to FBI. Upon arrival of CIG representatives, the serviceable property would be accepted by them and receipted for. Mr. Tamm agreed that this was entirely satisfactory and that he would so inform the individuals concerned.

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cc: [redacted]

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OF THE DIRECTOR

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.**

October 1, 1946

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Lieutenant General Hoyt S. Vandenberg  
Director  
Central Intelligence Group

Washington, D. C.

Dear General Vandenberg:

There is attached a receipt for the property and equipment turned over to [redacted] upon the occasion of this Bureau's withdrawal from that country. It should be noted that this receipt is signed by your representative, [redacted]

In connection with the Radio Equipment listed thereon, it will be appreciated if you will arrange to furnish this Bureau with similar equipment in the immediate future in accordance with our previous agreement.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*

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August 16, 1946

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The following represents a complete inventory of all property turned over by the Legal Attaché,  to the representative of the Central Intelligence Group:

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	<u>FURNITURE</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Bad</u>
1	Mahogany Desk, 50 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 32 with Glass Top	x		
1	Cedar Desk, 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 60 x 30 $\frac{1}{2}$		x	
1	Walnut Finish Desk, 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 59 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 31		x	
1	Walnut Finish Desk, 34 x 60 x 30 $\frac{1}{2}$		x	
1	Mahogany Desk, 2-drawer	x		
1	Walnut Finish Desk, 55 x 31 x 30	x		
1	Leather Covered Sofa	x		
2	Easy Chairs	x		
1	Swivel Arm Chair, Mahogany	x		
1	Swivel Arm Chair, Leather Covered		x	
2	Swivel Chairs, Armless, Straight Backed		x	
2	Swivel Chairs, Armless, Leather Covered		x	
6	Straight-Backed Leather-Covered Chairs (2 Ivory Color; 4 Dark Leather)		x	
1	Cedar Table, 24" x 42" x 28"	x		
1	Cedar Table, 20" x 34" x 28"	x		
1	Cedar Table, 34" x 60" x 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ "		x	
1	Wooden Table, 36" x 33" x 32"		x	
1	Mahogany End Table		x	
1	Small End Table with 2 Shelves		x	
2	General Fireproofing Co. "Alsteel" 4-Drawer Filing Cabinets, 44 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1	1	
1	Wooden Filing Cabinet, 4-drawer, Mahogany Finish		x	
1	Wooden Filing Cabinet, 4-drawer, Maple Finish		x	
4	Walnut Finish Index Cabinets, 8-Drawer, 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 16		x	
2	Walnut Finish Stands for Index Cabinets, 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 16		x	
1	Cedar Index Cabinet, 6-Drawer with Stand		x	
1	Metal Filing Cabinet for 5 x 7 Cards	x		
1	Wooden Supply Cabinet, Mahogany Finish, 18 x 36 x 70	x		
3	Green Steel Filing Cabinets	x		
1	Mahogany Bookcase	x		
3	Metal Venetian Blinds	x		
3	Wooden Venetian Blinds	x		
2	Valances for Windows in I. A. Office	x		
2	Pres. Green Draperies		x	

	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>
1 Blue-green Rug in L.A. Office	X		
1 Blue-green Rug in A.L.A. Office (5' x 9')	X		
3 Florescent Desk Lamps	X		
3 Florescent Ceiling Lights	X		
3 Pictures with Frames	X		
1 pr. Wooden Book-ends	X		
<u>OFFICE EQUIPMENT</u>			
1 Royal Portable Typewriter, Serial No. A-28 11C3256R	X		
1 Royal Portable Typewriter, Serial No. A-28 11C6007R	X		
1 Remington Rand Typewriter, Standard, Serial No. J-309627	X		
1 Remington Noiseless Typewriter, Standard, Serial No. Kt 58622C	X		
1 Underwood Typewriter, Standard, Serial No. 88522276-11	X		
1 L. O. Smith 14" Carriage, Serial No. 1A1832787-14	X		
1 Typewriter Stand	X		
1 Meilink Safe, Serial No. 1Y2172E	X		
15 Desk Trays	X		
2 Tickler Boxes	X		
8 3x5 Assignment Boxes	X		
3 "Speed Products Co." Staplers	X		
1 "Pilot" Stapler	X		
3 Inkwells with Pens	X		
1 Inkwell with 2 Pens	X		
9 Desk Pads	X		
2 Pencil Sharpeners	X		
1 6-Space Sorting Rack	X		
1 4-Space Sorting Rack	X		
3 Paper Punches	X		
1 "Line Dater" Stamp (Shows Date Only)	X		
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>			
14 Padlocks	X		
1 Webster's Collegiate Dictionary	X		
1 Webster's Daily Use Dictionary	X		
1 Funk & Wagnalls College Standard Dictionary	X		
1 Spanish Dictionary (Velázquez)	X		
1 Appleton's New Spanish-English and English-Spanish Dictionary	X		
1 Guia de [redacted]		X	
1 1946 World Almanac	X		
1 Who's Who in Latin America	X		
1 Hombres quien es quien	X		
2 Telephone Handsets	X		

PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT

	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Bad</u>
12 Rolls V118 Verichrome Kodak Film	x		
10 Rolls V120 Kodak Verichrome Film	x		
12 Packs Kodak 3 1/2 x 4 1/2 Verichrome Film	x		
12 Packs Kodak Verichrome 2 1/2 x 3 1/2 Film	x		
18 Rolls 60 ft. x 9 in. Haloid Copylite			
Photostat Paper	x		
1 Duophoto Photo Equipment Machine, Serial No. 7682	x		
1 Duophoto "Dryer" (Electric), Serial No. 8272	x		
1 Duophoto Squeegee Plate	x		
1 Squeegee			
2 "Wratten" Kodak Safety Lamps, Model A, with Four Glass Reflectors	x		
2 Kodak Utility Safelight with Brackets, Model C, with Glass Reflectors	x		
1 Bakelite Film Developing Tank for 35 mm. film	x		
1 Bakelite Adjustable Cut-Film-Pack Developing Tank	x		
1 Hard Rubber Film Developing Tank for Film Pack, with 48 Metal Hangers	x		
1 12-inch Paper Cutter		x	
2 6-quart size Enamel Chemical Mixing Pans	x		
3 Large size "Cesco" Enamel Developing Trays	x		
2 pr. Stainless Steel Tongs	x		
8 Chrome Squeegee Plates	x		
2 Plastic Mixing Rods	x		
1 Rubber Apron	x		
1 6-foot length Rubber Hose	x		
5 prs. Rubber Gloves	x		
1 Tank and Tray Kodak Thermometer	x		
1 Yellow Safety Bulb	x		
6 Bottles, 1-gallon size, Kodak D72 Developer	x		
3 Bottles, 1-gallon size, Kodak Acid Fix Bath	x		
4 1-gallon colored Jugs for Developer and Hypo Containers	x		
1 Bottle Lens Cleaner	x		
1 Photo Work Bench	x		
Viceroy 4" x 5" Contact Printer	x		

RADIO EQUIPMENT

1 Hallicrafters Type HT-4B Transmitter, Serial No. 5126	x		
1 Hallicrafters Type HT-5B Speech Amplifier, Serial No. 3964	x		
1 Hallicrafters Model 3-29 Portable Receiver, Serial No. H-135923			x

RADIO EQUIPMENT - continued

	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Bad</u>
1 Hallicrafters Model S20R Receiver, Serial No. H-126964	X		
1 Hallicrafters Model 3X-28 Receiver with 12-inch Speaker, Serial No. H-136373	X		
1 Hammarlund Super-Pro Communications Receiver (with power supply and speaker), Serial No. 79	X		
1 Hammarlund Super-Pro Communications Receiver (with power supply and speaker), Serial No. 6526	X		
1 Stancor "69" Transmitter (AC-DC), Serial No. 193	X		
3 80-meter Coils for Stancor 69 Transmitter	X		
3 40-meter Coils for Stancor 69 Transmitter	X		
3 20-meter Coils for Stancor 69 Transmitter	X		
1 2-kilowatt, Model WA20, 110-volt, 60-cycle Pincor Power Unit, Serial No. 8339	X		
1 "Mac" Semi-automatic Telegraph Key	X		
1 Hand Telegraphic Key "Signal"	X		
1 Electric Lantern, "Ecolite" with Spare Battery	X		
2 Flashlights with 6 Spare Batteries	X		
1 Storage Battery, 6-cell, 12-volt (rebuilt) with Batt Hydrometer	X		
1 Radio City Testmeter, Model 446, Serial No. 10209	X		
1 Fire Extinguisher - "The Captain" Duplex Pump Fyr Fighter, 2-gallon size, carbon- tetrachloride type, Serial No. 545764	X		
1 Fire Extinguisher, 2-gallon size, No. 2X "Invincible," soda-acid type	X		
2 General Electric Tanager Battery Chargers	X		
2 Crystal Headsets "Brush"	X		
8 Transmission Line Spreaders	X		
2 4 1/2-inch Eye Bolts	X		
2 12-inch Eye Bolts	X		
2 Medium-size Turnbuckles	X		
1 50 ft. of 72-ohm Antenna Receiving Cable	X		
1 300 ft. No. 14 Copperweld Antenna Wire	X		
1 65 ft. Flat-top Transmitting Antenna, doublet type, with 100 ft., 300-ohm Line Feeder	X		
1 Auxiliary Receiving Antenna	X		



RADIO EQUIPMENT - continued

			<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Bad</u>
12	<u>SPARE CONDENSORS</u>				
	2	1 mfd. 1000-volt Electrolytic Type	X		
	5	16 mfd. 450-volt Electrolytic Type	X		
	3	16 mfd. 600-volt Electrolytic Type	X		
	2	8-8-8 mfd. 450-volt Paper Type	X		
9	<u>COIL CANS</u>				
	1	2.0 to 2.5 mc	1	2.5 to 3.2 mc	X
	1	3.2 to 4.0 mc	1	4.0 to 5.1 mc	X
	1	5.1 to 6.5 mc	2	6.5 to 8.0 mc	X
	2	14 mc			X
5	<u>TANK COILS</u>				
	1	3.5 to 4.5 mc	1	4.5 to 6.0 mc	X
	1	2.0 to 3.5 mc	1	6.0 to 8.0 mc	X
	1	15.955 to 17.405 mc			X

SPARE TUBES

1	250 TH	1	6L6	1	50Y6GT	X
4	RK 38	1	6V6	2	5Z3	X
3	RK 3P	1	6V6GT	2	80	X
3	866	1	6J5	2	6N7	X
2	807	1	6C5GT	3	6H6	X
1	HY69	1	6SQ7	3	6SK7	X
1	5Y3GT	1	6K8	4	6K7	X
3	5Z3	1	6AS7	1	6L7	X
2	2A3	3	VR150/30	3	6F6	X
2	80	1	1H5GT	2	6SJ7	X
1	63V	1	1P5	3	6C5	X
1	6F6GT	1	3Q5GT	1	6J7	X

TOOLS

1	10" Crescent Wrench	1	Needle Nose Pliers	X
1	pr. Sidecutters (med.)	1	100 ft. Steel Tape	X
1	pr. Sidecutters (large)	1	3/4" Screwdriver	X
1	6 ft. Rule	1	Hammer	X
1	9" Screwdriver	1	Solder Iron	X
1	Wood Drill	1	File	X
1	Electrician's Knife	1	pr. Diagonals	X
1	Hacksaw and Blades	1	First-Aid Kit	X

RADIO EQUIPMENT - continued

	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Bad</u>
<u>BOOKS</u>			
1 Instruction Book for Wisconsin Gas Engine	x		
1 Instruction Book for HT-4B Transmitter (with diagram)	x		
1 Instruction Book and Diagram for Hammarlund Super-Pro	x		
1 Instruction Book for Tungal Battery Charger	x		
1 Instruction Book and Diagram for Stencor "69" Transmitter	x		
1 Instruction Book and Diagram for Hallicrafters S20a Receiver	x		
1 Instruction Book and Diagram for Hallicrafters SA28 Receiver	x		
1 Instruction Book and Diagram for Hallicrafters S-29 Receiver	x		

All property received in the condition indicated.



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OF THE DIRECTOR

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.**

October 10, 1946

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Lieutenant General Hoyt S. Vandenberg  
Director  
Central Intelligence Group

Washington, D. C.

Dear General Vandenberg:

As you know, we formerly had a representative assigned  
to the [redacted]

The work in [redacted] has fallen off to  
such an extent that we have transferred our representative from  
[redacted]

The property formerly used by [redacted]  
has been left in the custody of [redacted]  
[redacted] to be used by representatives of the Central  
Intelligence Group upon their arrival. A copy of the receipt  
obtained from [redacted] listing the equipment available to your  
organization is attached hereto.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*

Attachment

August 27, 1946

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The following articles have been received by [redacted] who will keep the property in custody for the Central Intelligence Group.

<u>Cabinets:</u>	<u>Units:</u>
Filing cabinet, steel, 2 drawers legal size.	1
Filing cabinet, steel, 3 drawers, legal size.	1
Index card file cabinets, 2 drawers, steel.	5
<u>Chairs:</u>	
Swivel, wooden	2
Tubular, steel	1
<u>Desks:</u>	
Steel, 6 drawers	1
Typewriter desk, steel	1
Wooden desk, 7 drawers 55x12x42	1
<u>Lamps:</u>	
Gooseneck, large	1
Gooseneck, small	2
<u>Tables:</u>	
Wooden tables 3 x39x4	1

Typewriters:

Royal Portable C88-1059383 R

Units:

1

Safe:

Steel safe, small office type  
"Synthesis" serial 10732

1

Fan:

Electric Westinghouse No. 1137855

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Miscellaneous:

Desk trays, steel  
Desk trays, wooden  
Date stamp  
Filing box, steel 3x5

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The above articles were received  
by me

Signed

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11 October 1946

[redacted]  
Chief, Communications Division

Executive for Personnel and Administration

Equipment Transferred to CIG by F.B.I.

Attached is a copy of a letter dated 1 October 1946 from Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director, F.B.I., in connection with the equipment which has been turned over to the Central Intelligence Group by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Also attached is a copy of a reply to this letter dated 11 October 1946 in which the Director, CIG, confirms the arrangements to replace the radio equipment at the above mentioned location.

It is requested that action be taken by the Communications Division through S.O. to obtain the return to the U.S. of such equipment at [redacted] as will not be required for future operations.

Wherever possible, identical radio equipment should be used in making replacement to the F.B.I. When this is not possible, replacement should be made from stock if it is on hand and, if not, it is requested that initial procurement action be taken by the Communications Division through Procurement and Supply. It is suggested that whenever practical, the above outlined procedure be followed in each instance in the replacement of radio equipment located in Latin America which has been transferred by F.B.I. to CIG.

No action will be taken on the replacement of other equipment included in the enclosure to Mr. Hoover's letter of 1 October 1946.

[redacted]  
Colonel, CAC

Executive for Personnel and Administration

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Return to [redacted] Orig. Office)  
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**STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER**

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In your letter of September 19, 1946, I am pleased to note that you have issued instructions to your representatives in [redacted] to hold in abeyance all [redacted] crossing the FBI offices in those countries.

In a letter dated August 7, 1946, and addressed to you by Colonel E. K. Wright, Executive to the Director of Central Intelligence, there was enclosed a schedule showing tentative dates on or before which CIG will have assumed responsibility for the collection of clandestine intelligence information in the various countries of Latin America.

[redacted]

Progress in the implementation of the CIG program for Latin America is satisfactory. Every effort will be continued to establish CIG personnel and facilities in these countries of Latin America prior to the date indicated above. As soon as it is possible to determine accurately such earlier date, you will be promptly informed.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

HOWARD S. WILSON  
Director of Central Intelligence

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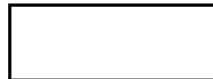
17 October 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL GALLOWAY

Subject: Conversation with FBI regarding Replacement  
of Radio Equipment

1. I had a talk, this date, with Mr. Carson to whom I had been referred by Mr. Tamm. I informed Mr. Carson that I was there to explain the CIG position on replacing radio equipment delivered by FBI to CIG in Latin America. I assured him that the CIG policy was to replace, in kind, all such equipment at the earliest possible date, that certain items to be replaced were available at present, that others could be procured on the open market, that certain items could not be exactly duplicated, but would be approximated, etc. I suggested that Mr. Conrad, the FBI Chief Radio Engineer, meet with [ ] and that they go over the list of radio equipment, item by item, and determine in each instance whether the article could be replaced immediately, could be procured on the open market, or could be approximated by another suitable article, etc. Mr. Carson agreed to this plan, so [ ] and Conrad will meet next week to discuss items already delivered to us [ ] and further to review the inventories of radio equipment available in the other Latin American countries so that future reimbursement may be expedited as transfer is effected.

2. I did not leave any written message with the Bureau. Attached you will find the letter, with its enclosure, which you turned over to me and which I presume should be returned to [ ] so that he will understand that other steps were taken in answer to Mr. Hoover's letter.



Att.

Let to Mr. Hoover, unsigned and undated, answer to let of 1 Oct 46  
(original and 5 copies)

Cy let fr Mr. Hoover to General Vandenberg, dtd 1 Oct 46, and  
attached inventory of 10 Aug 46



Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have received your letter, dated 1 October 1946, in regard to the property and equipment which has been turned over to the representative of the Central Intelligence Group in [redacted] in accordance with the agreement between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and this agency.

[redacted] of CIG, met yesterday afternoon with Mr. Carson and Mr. Keay, of your organization, to discuss procedures for the prompt replacement of radio equipment to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is my understanding that the arrangements agreed upon at this meeting will provide the most efficient and promptest possible reimbursement.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

HOYT C. VANDENBERG  
Major General, USA  
Central Intelligence Group

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28 OCT 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR GENERAL S. J. CHAMBERLIN  
Director of Intelligence  
War Department

Subject: Establishment of Central Intelligence  
Group Personnel in Latin America

In order that the Military Attachés in Latin America may be properly informed, it is suggested that they be advised that personnel of the Central Intelligence Group will replace the Legal Attachés of the Federal Bureau of Investigation

By agreement between the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the National Intelligence Authority, the Bureau personnel will remain on duty until their reliefs have been present long enough to accomplish a smooth and orderly turnover of functions.

HOMER S. VANDENBERG  
Major General USA  
Director of Central Intelligence

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28 OCT 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR REAR ADMIRAL THOMAS B. INGLIS  
Chief of Naval Intelligence

Subject: Establishment of Central Intelligence  
Group Personnel in Latin America

In order that the Naval Attachés in Latin America may be properly informed, it is suggested that they be advised that personnel of the Central Intelligence Group will replace the Legal Attachés of the Federal Bureau of Investigation

By agreement between the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the National Intelligence Authority, the Bureau personnel will remain on duty until their reliefs have been present long enough to accomplish a smooth and orderly turnover of functions.

"SIGNED"

HOYT S. VANDENBERG  
Lieutenant General, US  
Director of Central Intelligence

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21 OCT 1946

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated  
10 October 1946 relating to the transfer of equipment and  
supplies in [redacted]

We will inform our appropriate representative,  
who will contact [redacted] in order to obtain the assignment  
of this equipment.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

HOYT S. VANDENBERG  
Lieutenant Colonel, USA  
Director of Intelligence

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It is my understanding that certain radio frequencies have been allotted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation specifically for the operation of circuits to stations in Central and South America. Responsibility for the conduct of operations at these stations is being transferred to the Central Intelligence Group and it is essential that radio communication be provided for the future activities of this organization.

It is requested that you approve the release of the frequencies allotted to the FBI for communication with Latin American stations so that CIG may make formal application to the proper authority for reassignment of these frequencies to CIG.

Sincerely,

ROY T. S. VANCE, JR.  
Lieutenant Colonel, USA  
Director of Central Intelligence

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9 JAN 1947

The Honorable  
James F. Byrnes  
Secretary of State  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

As you are aware, arrangements have been completed for the withdrawal from Latin America of special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who have been performing intelligence duties as legal attachés of the various diplomatic missions in South and Central America and in the Caribbean area. Representatives of the Central Intelligence Group will take over the intelligence duties in Latin America which have been performed by the FBI since 1942. In order that the continuity of intelligence operations in Latin America shall not be prejudiced, arrangements have been made with Mr. J. Edgar Hoover to the effect that legal attachés representing the FBI shall not depart from their posts of duty until such time as qualified and trained CIG representatives shall arrive at [redacted] in the American Republics.

I am transmitting to you herewith a schedule setting forth the dates when CIG representatives will arrive for duty in the various Latin American countries. This schedule has also been supplied to the FBI, which has indicated that a FBI representative will be present at each post when the legal attaché relinquishes his duties and the CIG representative takes over. [redacted], of CIG, will proceed to Latin America and his trip will follow the itinerary and schedule attached hereto. [redacted] has my entire confidence and he is completely familiar with the arrangements which have been made as between the FBI and the CIG in regard to the latter's assumption of intelligence duties in the American Republics.

Mr. Frederick B. Lyon, Director of the Office of Controls of the Department of State, and Mr. Jack D. Neal, Chief of the Division of Foreign Activity Correlation of the Department, have worked closely with the appropriate representatives of CIG in the implementation of the arrangements looking forward to the assumption by CIG of intelligence duties in Latin America. Both Mr. Lyon and Mr. Neal are not only entirely familiar with the intelligence activities of the FBI in Latin America but are also being kept completely informed as to CIG plans to assume intelligence operations in that area.

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The purpose of this communication is not only to advise you of the foregoing, but also to suggest that you may care to appoint a representative of the Department of State to accompany [redacted] and Mr. J. Edgar Hoover's representative, in order that the Department of State may be represented in each case when the CIG representative is installed [redacted] in South and Central America and in the Caribbean area. The CIG representatives who have been selected and who are currently being trained for duty in the American Republics are, I believe, excellently qualified for their duties. I wish to assure you that I consider the CIG intelligence commitment in the American Republics as second to none in importance and significance, and that CIG representatives who will shortly proceed to their posts of duty in South and Central America and in the Caribbean area are being instructed to cooperate in every way possible with the various chiefs of diplomatic missions in the Latin American capitals, with a view to obtaining the best possible results and integration of the intelligence effort.

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Respectfully yours,

HOYT S. VANDENBERG  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Director of Central Intelligence

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Origin and Background of Correspondence:

1. Conversations between General Vandenberg and Assistant Secretary of State Spruille Braden
2. Conversations and correspondence between Control, OSO and the FBI

Concurrences:

1. Control, OSO
2. Colonel Galloway
3. Colonel Wright

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SECRET

Dear General Vandenberg:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 3 with reference to contemplated arrangements covering the replacement in Latin America of special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with representatives of the Central Intelligence Group.

You may recall that as a result of our discussions last year it was agreed not only that the FBI representatives would remain until after the arrival of their CIG replacements, but also that because of varying circumstances at each capital, no period could be specified in advance as representing the time necessary between the arrival of the CIG representative and the departure of his FBI predecessor. It was left therefore that the American Ambassador concerned would be responsible for indicating, after the arrival of the CIG representative at his post, the overlap necessary at that post.

Provided this arrangement is maintained I see no objection to the projected trip of [redacted] of CIG and a colleague from FBI, and I am also prepared in accordance with your suggestion to authorize Mr. Jack D. Neal, Chief of the Division of Foreign Activity Correlation, to proceed to Latin America as the representative of the Department of State at approximately the same time.

In connection with the foregoing we are fully convinced of the importance of the work which you are

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about to undertake in Latin America, and we share your desire to have that work accomplished with the fullest and most complete collaboration between field representatives of CIG and the personnel of the Foreign Service.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

  
Assistant Secretary